I can't get this till Tuesday or Wednesday – the hunts are awful

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My Dearest Rene

Been here two weeks today & have none of the good yet.

Made [illegible] letter come this A.M.
I really don't know what to suggest –
probably best abandon the project – or anyway
see how Prudence gets on – I wrote to
her yesterday saying she should certainly
not come till her poor tummy is alright
it would be too risky – of course I suppose
when she has seen this Doctor she will
know more what is the matter.
I have as yet not got out, & feel pretty
beastly in consequence – it was a pointy
misfortune getting down into this really
temperate coast & all its attractions.
I feared it would happen at some
inconvenient juncture – they do – I
am hardly capable of decision any how –
yes – it is expensive – but every bloody
place is expensive of course. Stats any good.

only the unlucky that this is not touched away round the south coast of the peninsula that was with the idea of going to Devon that one planned go to the south coast only — of course. one goes as a matter of fact to the north!! However this is besides the point — and if we were all well this would be nevertheless a pretty good shot. I am Ceane here when Dr feeling better — but as Jim not got out yet. I can't be very helpful as to when that will be. Anyway I am better wait & see what happens to Prudence — got home I would be nice to see you here — but it's no use doing an extensive & futile thing. It's buggering difficult I must say. Anyhow I'm very hopeful, but all. I can say is in any case wait & see how Prudence is. — because she or not, I feel, time all alone is best here. even if one were sure she ought to come or all. — it's a bloody long way &

over here country. Well there is not much
conclusion in the letter — ~~I'll finish it~~ I'll wait
wait. and see how the problem keeps over
diet & what not. & for me to see how
I get on. — I feel heaps like
rising in my wrath & warn them —
there is a beautiful, ample, ~~[illegible]~~
coming just here — this scumb Tapers
at it again — I denye it — I say I..
denye it — no answer, they can't.
Taplinger is a great solace & alice is wonderful too.
There is here a Welsh don from Cambridge
called Vernon-Jones. — he's an astonishing
chap over 60. — or did I tell you
all this in my letter — no, he came
over two days ago — found he would assume
you. the did not half carry on about how
bad he thought T.S.Eliot was — talk about
main verbs — a real slap up set to we had.
Walter S. was not in it. He can't abide
Welsh Nationalists & says
you can't possibly ~~[illegible]~~ appreciate
unless you've done classics — & the thing

Welsh poetry is almost as bad as Latin
Latin verse — the names a legend — I think he said
2nd Cent but I may be wrong — he said

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it's technically perfect & very difficult but never
'takes flight' & the Chaps who read it have
never read Virgil or Dante or even Shakespeare.
or Homer or Horace. — So I'm see
what I have to cope with! — but he
listened to what I had to say & he's
awfully nice & he's promised to read.
Lloyd. thirty years. The Professor Rhys
J. Jesus used to visit in the drawing room
like a Welsh farmer & had all the
other welsh barbarities & he's a terrific
diet fan & has a great thing about
cleaning out the colon. & fasting & getting
a clean tired stream — he says that's the
only way to cure rheumatism or anything else like.
the also was sent to Port Said for nervous
breakdown: but it didn't work. — so he
went to a Yoke called Laughton Scott* who
has done the trick with this dietary business
He also goes in for cold baths & vapour baths
in a little cabinet like old Solly used to. Wish.
With.

* does Bernard know him? He name wants Lawrence

must get out before it's too late. Sometimes.
Been out to try it — there is not a flat
place to walk on out of the wind —
scrambled down into a rocky beach for
ten minutes or so — miserable business going
out for 1st time isn't it — old weak jubilee & co
were good at all sullen & grey.
Take again by Blage make — helps one
reading detective story. — he swears
by Dorothy Sayers — says she has a really
educated mind & understands literary allusions!
he thinks millions PRIMB. too — never
heard of Y Godolphin. — thinks Chaucer is
only the mere beginning — they aren't
really terribly good in some ways. — he also
thinks the Bernard. they admit 'noble theme' — well
perhaps it's not fair to say the Bernard they
but I ~~don't~~ think he rather likes that.
so do we in a way but in a very
different way. I wish you were here to
talk about Virgil & Co: In certain
the printing they defend, the study of
classics is pretty sound — but why can't

they appreciate the innuendoes & goodness & vitality that other traditions or whatever it is — the romantic tradition or whatever it is which they have is at least half the ingredient parts of English poetry. the CANTREAD the Monte D'Arthel. Michael had better start Latin & Greek. Provençal, & Irish, & Welsh, & Sanskrit. at once. & no beat about the bush. — Two hours of the Mont-D'Arth be heard every day. . as a beginning. or I'll see him down right he will try the thirty of the Snark. Jonk.

A bloke came here last monday, I think it was, called Geoffy Clarke. who used to walk with Canon Grey every year & who came to Capel. with him & who has been to Rigoth & all who said "Do you know Tegetmeier." says, Christ what's this curious type of question. Jolly extraordinary fellow. He came with inspiration — Knew Joan I may say — Had only heard speak of Peter by the Canon as

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'Mist beauty' — so I should think. He gave me a book he's just written about Branshire — a type of guide book. He seemed to be an architect by profession. Was with the Hewitts' 14-18. Says he's one of the characters in 'Parks'. They're nice.

I see in the Times that poor old Cardinal Bourne is finishing — what shall we do to leave. I 'spect he'll be buried at Westminster. Perhaps they'll have a Catholic Fitz. Well I must finish this Balls. Mother's letter is — had a letter from her about a week ago. says they're very well. I'm so glad Jill remains here somehow. I'm see if I can write a letter & put it in Bristol box at night postman sometimes remembers to take it in morning at 9.30. it does not leave Bideford till late that afternoon. so that it does not reach Jim for instance till the second morning after that. Your letter in Monday gets to Jim on Thursday — Lloyd.

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give my love to Joan. do hope she's got an attack. expect you gave my kiss to Peter* for last letter. hear another X I like She is well. must stop.

write to me. give my love to Enid & Edd. of em ask the big house — Mrs Bernard Howden still flying a. — or is that the name of his store

much love

David.

* shows like a letter for her. in me. fastness. —